



Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation

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Abrams Books for Young Readers. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Hardcover. 40 pages. Dimensions: 11.0in. x 9.2in. x 0.5in. Almost 10 years before Brown vs. Board of Education, Sylvia Mendez and her parents helped end school segregation in California. An American citizen of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage who spoke and wrote perfect English, Mendez was denied enrollment to a Whites only school. Her parents took action by organizing the Hispanic community and filing a lawsuit in federal district court. Their success eventually brought an end to the era of segregated education in California. Praise for Separate is Never Equal **STARRED REVIEW** Tonatiuh masterfully combines text and folk-inspired art to add an important piece to the mosaic of U. S. civil rights history. -- Kirkus Reviews, starred review Younger children will be outraged by the injustice of the Mendez family story but pleased by its successful resolution. Older children will understand the importance of the 1947 ruling that desegregated California schools, paving the way for Brown v. Board of Education seven years later. -- School Library Journal, starred review Tonatiuh (Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote) offers an illuminating account of a family's hard-fought legal battle to desegregate California schools in the years before Brown v. Board...



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